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WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS  
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, HONGKONG.

## TANGO ON THE SANDS.

Clerical Protest.

NEW YORK, July 13.  
Churches of various denominations are now protesting against the dancing scene on the sands at the fashionable bathing resorts of New York as a revival of paganism. It is complained that the tango and the hesitation waltz are as popular now with partially-dressed men and women bathing at the seaside during the spring in hotels and public halls.

The Reverend John Bedford, a prominent Roman Catholic divine, in his sermon last night, urged New York to beware of the fate of the Cities of the Plains. "A band of pandemonium," he says, "provides an orchestra to provoke and encourage men and women to dance in their bathing suits, but one degree, and that a very thin degree, removed from nudity. These shameful creatures, locked in each other's arms, whirl, sway, bend, and dip upon the sand with every evidence of excitement and pleasure both in themselves and in the assembled throng."

Seaside police deny the charges of the clerical critics, and affirm that most women wear bathing costumes this summer of thicker material, and with more voluminous folds, than their ordinary dress. — The Daily Telegraph.

## FOREIGNERS IN LONDON.

Many Colonies in the Great City.

London has a great foreign population, and almost all the continental nations have their "colonies" or special quarters in the metropolis. The majority will have required orders to return home for military service, but it can scarcely have been possible for any great proportion to have crossed over to the Continent, and some thousands must remain during hostilities. According to the latest statistics available, there are 135,277 foreigners in London, the various nationalities and their numbers being:-

Russians 38,117.  
Germans 27,427.  
French 11,264.  
Italians 10,883.  
Austrians 8,183.  
Dutch 4,243.  
Swiss 4,419.  
Belgians 4,112.  
Swedish 1,676.  
Norwegian 1,067.  
Danish 945.

In the East End there is an enormous Jewish population, the number approaching 50,000, and there is a constant stream of new arrivals from Russia and Poland. Many are emigrants bound for the United States, but the majority accustom to the attractions of "Whitechapel" and Bethnal Green. The Italians have securely established themselves in "Little Italy," and representatives of all nations make their headquarters in Soho, the most essentially foreign quarter in London.

All foreigners will, of course, be entitled to retain the civil rights which they have always enjoyed, and it is to be hoped that demonstrations of national feeling will be kept within reasonable bounds.

The demonstrations which have already taken place appear to have been of a mild character, and with a suggestion of comic opera in the story of the German who appeared in the crowd carrying a sword.

## A NEAT REPORT.

Frenchman's Score.

France was recently laughing over the story of a young diplomat to a challenge given by an ex-governor of the annexed provinces, Alsace-Lorraine. The two were neighbours at an official banquet recently, and the young Frenchman was talking of the skill of the French workman. However, only a thing may be, he was able to turn it into a pretty object," he said. The old Prussian, with an impatient gesture, pulled a grey hair from his beard. "Let him make something pretty out of that," he said gruffly, handing it to his valet. The Frenchman smiled, and carefully placed the hair in his pocketbook, and the conversation changed. A week later the German received a small box. In it was a gold tiepin, the head representing the Prussian eagle on a rock. The eagle had in its claws the grey hair, each end of which a small gold ball was fixed, and on the one ball was the word "Alsace," on the other "Lorraine." And described in tiny letters on the back was the legend: "You only hold them by a hair."

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

The Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company advise that the following Stores have agreed not to sell "Milkmaid" Sweetened Condensed Milk (Blue Label) at more than 30 cents per tin:-

Messrs:-

Lane, Crawford & Co.	French Store
Ruttonjee & Son	Bo Sang Wo
Sincere Company	Tai Cheong
The Sun Company	Tak Cheong
Iai Tak Cheong	Chan Yuan
Kwong Fook Kee	Cheong Tai
Kwong Fook Cheong	Wai Loong
Kwong Hip Shing	Sang Tai
Ah Young & Co.	Kwan Tai
Nam Hing Loong	Wo Fat
Kwong Cheung	Tai Shing
The Kowloon Dispensary	

THERE IS PLENTY OF STOCK IN HONGKONG  
AND NO SHOP COMPLYING WITH THE ABOVE  
TERMS NEED BE OUT OF STOCK.

## HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

### HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG  
THURSDAY, 13th AUGUST.

8 A.M. 'HONAM.'	8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.'
5 P.M. 'FATSHAN.'	5 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'

### FRIDAY, 14th AUG. ST.

8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.'	8 A.M. 'HONAM.'
5 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'	5 P.M. 'FATSHAN.'

Single Fare by Night Steamer ..... \$ 6.00  
Return Fare by Night (available also for Return by day Steamer) 10.00  
Single Fare by Day Steamer ..... 4.00  
Return Fare by Day Steamer ..... 8.00

The attention of the travelling public is drawn to the comfort afforded by the Company's vessels. Passengers arriving by Night Steamers from Canton (due at Hongkong about 11 p.m.) are permitted to sleep on board till next morning without extra charge. Electric fans and electric light are available all night.

### HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'SUI TAI' S.S. 'TAISHAN'  
HONGKONG TO MACAO  
Week days at 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf  
Sundays at 9 A.M. and 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.  
MACAO TO HONGKONG.  
Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

### EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN,"  
will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 8 A.M.  
and return from Macao at 2 P.M.  
N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

### FARES AS USUAL.

### CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'HOISANG'.  
Departures from Canton to Hongkong on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 4 P.M.  
Departures from Hongkong to Canton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 P.M.

### CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. 'SAINAM' 688 Tons, and S.S. 'NANNING' 565 Tons.  
One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the day, at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to 'SAINAM' or 'NANNING' by the Company's direct Steamers 'LINTAN' and 'SANULI'. These vessels have superior cabin accommodation, and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric fans in each cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.  
Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—  
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.  
HOTEL MANSIONS (First Floor),  
Opposite the Blake Pier.

## SINGON & CO.

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IRON, STEEL, METAL AND HARD  
WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale  
and Retail. Ironmongers, Tin and  
Foundry work, Insulators, General Store-  
keepers and Shipchandlers. Nos. 35 and  
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Central Market) Telephone No. 615.  
Hongkong, September 4, 1913.

## THE CARLTON HOTEL

Recently Renovated and Refurnished.  
Self-Contained Suites of Apartments with Private  
Bath-rooms attached, Luxuriously Furnished Lounge, Drawing, Reading  
and Writing Rooms.  
FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT.  
Under Personal Management of  
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## BUSINESS NOTICES.

## THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD AND ENGINEERING CO. OF HONGKONG, LTD.

TAIKOO DOCKYARD, HONGKONG.

SHIPBUILDERS, SALVORS AND REPAIRERS, BOILERMAKERS, FORGE-  
MASTERS, BRASS AND IRON FOUNDERS, CONSTRUCTIONAL,  
ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.  
WELDING AND CUTTING OF METALS BY OXY-ACETYLENE  
AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS.

Estimates given for quick construction and repair of Ships, Engines, Boilers, Railway  
Rolling Stock, Bridges, and all Classes of Engineering, Iron and Wood Work.

GRAVING DOCK 187' x 88' x 34' 6"  
Pumps empty Dock in 2 3/4 hours.

THREE PATENT SLIPWAYS taking vessels up to 3,000 tons displacement,  
providing conditions for painting ships with most efficient results.

100-Ton ELECTRIC CRANE ON QUAY—ELECTRIC OVERHEAD CRANES  
throughout the Shops ranging up to 100 Tons.

50-Ton Hydraulic TESTING MACHINE for Chains, Wire Ropes, Cables, etc.

AGENTS FOR:-

JOHN I. THORNTON & CO., LTD.

PETROL & KEROSENE MARINE MOTORS 7-1/2 to 150 H.P.  
as supplied to the British Admiralty and War Office.

MOTOR VESSELS, LIGHT DRAIT CARRIERS, GUNBOATS,  
LAUNCHES, HOUSEBOATS & PLEASURE CRAFT OF EVERY  
DESCRIPTION.

MOTOR PUMPING & LIGHTING SETS, MOTOR VEHICLES, etc.

Dockyard Manager can be seen between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon at the  
Town Office.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
HONGKONG, CHINA AND JAPAN AGENTS.

Telegraphic Address: "TAIKOO DOCK" TELEPHONE No. 215.

## "MUMEYA"

"While-you-wait" Photography  
JUST ARRIVED FROM JAPAN A FULLY QUALIFIED ARTIST WITH  
APPARATUS AND MATERIALS WHICH CAN FINISH  
IN AN HOUR.

PRICE 2.00 per 3 pos. for Post Card.  
No. 8, Queen's Road Central.

TELE. No. 254.

## NEW MACAO HOTEL.

PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

THE above hotel will be opened on 1st August, 1914, under new ownership  
and European Management. The old place has been renovated and newly  
furnished, and is now up to date in every respect. Large and airy bedrooms,  
Hot and cold baths throughout. Electric lights and fans. Large and comfortable  
dining-rooms facing the sea. Private and Public Bars. Billiard Room. Cuisine  
excellent, under experienced supervision. Sanitary arrangements of the latest.  
Terms moderate. For further information.

APPLY TO:-

O. C. MOOSA.  
TEL. ADDRESS "PHONIX," MACAO.

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL

AND

## GRILL ROOM

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## PEAK HOTEL.

ADJACENT TO THE TRAMWAY TERMINAL, 1,400 feet above Sea Level.

Adjoining the Tramway Terminal, 1,400 feet above Sea Level.

A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL AND TOURISTS' HOTEL.

Telephones in all rooms. First-class Cuisine, Lounge, Smoking and Ladies' Rooms.  
Roof Garden.

Terms:—From \$5 per day. Max.

Telegraph Add: "Peaceful"

P. O. PEUSTER

Manager.

## GRAND HOTEL.

NOTED FOR THE BEST FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION  
AND CLEANLINESS.

CUISINE UNDER EUROPEAN SUPERVISION.

ELECTRIC LIGHT & FANS THROUGHOUT.

F. REICHMANN, Proprietor.

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

## Portland Cement

In Casks of 37 1/2 lbs. net

In Bags of 25 lbs. net

Shewan, Tomes & Co.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

## "NESTOR"

## Sanitary Fluid.

## Reliable Disinfectant.

Two table-spoonsful to a gallon of water for washing  
floors, etc., is most useful for the Destruction of Fleas.

PER PINT TIN ..... 50 CENTS

PER GALLON TIN ..... \$2.00

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

32, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

## MEE CHEUNG

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## SPECIALITY.

NOTE ADDRESS

"ICE HOUSE HONGKONG."

## NEW SHIPMENT

Government guaranteed 1st Grade Butter.  
Packed specially in Australia for us. Absolutely  
Best Imported. None Better quality made.  
75 cents per lb.

FOR THE BEST OF EVERYTHING PROCURABLE IN ANY 1st CLASS

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## THE KWONG HIP LUNG CO., LTD.

(NOW RECONSTRUCTED.)

ENGINEERS and SHIPBUILDERS, BOILERMAKERS, BRASS and IRON  
FOUNDERS. All work done in this establishment is guaranteed. We have  
over thirty years' experience. We own two Slipways and can accommodate any craft  
of 200 feet long.

Town Office, 42, COSMOPOLITAN ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Telephone No. 469.  
Shipyards, Sheung Wan, Kowloon, Hongkong. Telephone No. K.S.  
Estimates furnished on application.

WONG PING WA, Manager.

## CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

(Established 1864.)

SOLE AGENTS FOR

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A pure and Natural Lemon Squash.

without the addition of chemicals



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## G. FALCONER &amp; CO., LTD.

## WATCHMAKERS &amp; JEWELLERS.

DIAMOND BRACELETS, RINGS, BROOCHES,  
SILVER CUPS, TEA SETS, CIGARETTE CASES,  
etc., etc.,

AGENTS FOR  
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## WING KEE &amp; CO.,

No. 47, 49 and 51, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, PROVISION MERCHANTS, COAL  
MERCHANTS, &c., &c., OF FIFTY YEARS STANDING  
SHIP CAPTAINS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE US A TRIAL.  
FRANCISCO TSE YAT, General Manager,  
Hongkong, August 12, 1914.

BAZAAR IN AID OF FLOOD  
RELIEF FUND.

THE COMMITTEE SOLICIT THE AID OF THE PUBLIC, AND WILL BE  
PLEASED TO RECEIVE GIFTS OF ARTICLES OF ANY DESCRIPTION  
FOR THE ABOVE.

LAU CHU PAK,  
CHAIRMAN.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
32, DES VEXES ROAD CENTRAL.

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING Co., Ltd.

Established 1883

MANUFACTURERS OF

## PURE Manila ROPE

STRAND	CABLE LAID	4 STRAND
1" to 15"	5" to 15"	3" to 10"
CIRCUMFERENCE	CIRCUMFERENCE	CIRCUMFERENCE

Oil Drilling Cables of any size up to 3,000 feet in length.

Prices, Samples and full particulars will be forwarded on application to  
Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 11, 1914.

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TOURIST STEAMSHIP & FORWARDING AGENTS,  
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Head Office for the Far East 18, DES VEXES ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.  
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TOURS arranged to ALL PARTS of the World.  
BAGGAGE collected, forwarded and insured at lowest rates.  
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SUMMER EXCURSION TICKETS to Japan by all Lines.

Chief Office - LUDGATE CIRCUS LONDON, E.C.

A Natural  
Remedy

Time was when disease was thought to be due  
to the direct influence of evil spirits, and exorcism  
and magic were invoked to cast it out.

Science has taught us wisdom: The evil  
spirits exist still. We call them "Disease  
Germs," and they also must be cast out. Once  
lodged in the stomach or intestines, fever with  
its hallucinations, or biliousness with its aches  
and pains, is the result.

ENO'S  
FRUIT SALT

is the approved remedy for driving out disease  
germs. Its action is quick and thorough. It  
cleans the intestines, rouses the torpid liver to new  
life, stimulates the mucous membrane to a healthy  
action, and cleanses and invigorates the whole  
digestive tract.

It may be safely taken at any time by young  
or old.

It is very effective in the early stage of Diarrhoea  
by removing the irritating cause.

Be prepared for emergencies by always keeping  
a bottle in the house.

Prepared any by

A. O. ENO, LTD., "FRUIT SALT" WORK, LONDON, ENGLAND.  
SOLD BY CHEMISTS AND STORES EVERYWHERE.

## INTIMATIONS

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(MITSU BISHI CO.)

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SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKA-  
SIMA COAL, MUTARE, YO-  
SHINOTANI, KISHIDAKE, HOJO,  
KANADA, KABA, OSAKA, KURE,  
TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA,  
KAWASAKI, and KAMETAMADA  
Collieries.

AGENTS for SAKITO, & OYUBARI  
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HEAD OFFICE - TOKYO.

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Nagasaki, Moji, Karatsu,  
Wakamatsu, Otsu, Muroran,  
Hakodate, Kobe, Osaka, Kure,  
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya,  
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Hankow, Peking.

The Address for above: "IWASAKI"  
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Co.

MANILA: Messrs Macdonald &  
Co.

SINGAPORE: Messrs Borneo Co.,  
Ltd.

GLASGOW: Messrs A. R. Brown,  
McFarlane & Co., Ltd.

For particulars, apply to

K. KATO,

Manager,

No. 2, PRINCE STREET,  
HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND  
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND OF FIFTY  
CENTS per share for the Six Months  
ending 31st March 1914 will be PAYABLE  
on FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1914, on which  
date Dividend Warrants may be obtained  
on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from TUESDAY,  
4th AUGUST to FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no transfer of shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 28, 1914.

## NOTICE

DOLLAR INSTITUTION, SCOT-  
LAND, CHURCHILL, DOUGLAS,  
M.A. (formerly Knighton Fellow, Glasgow  
University), Headmaster, which reopens  
on 1st SEPTEMBER NEXT, provides at a  
moderate cost a complete HIGH SCHOOL  
EDUCATION in all Departments from  
7 years of age upwards. Bilingual  
Instruction may be had on application  
to the HEADMASTER, or to THOS.  
J. YOUNG, F.C.I.S., Secretary, or the  
"China Mail" Office.

Hongkong, August 6, 1914.

## WATKINS, LIMITED.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION).

## LOST SCRIPT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
following Shares in the above Com-  
pany are alleged to have been LOST -  
Certificate for 50 Shares No. 491/450  
inclusive in the name of  
JAMES BACKHOUSE.

Application has been made to the Un-  
derwritten for the Payment of the sum of  
\$212.50 (Two Hundred and Twelve and Five  
Cents Fifty) in respect of the First  
and Final Dividend at the Rate of \$4.25  
(Dollar Four and Cents Twenty-Five) per  
Share, declared on the 31st July, 1913, on  
the above-mentioned Shares, and should  
no objection be lodged with the Under-  
written within one month from date hereof,  
the application will be complied with.

J. CARPMAEL,

Official Receiver.

Hongkong, July 22, 1914.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

NOTHING CAN EXCEL  
OUR

## DAIRY BRAND

## TABLE BUTTER

It is pure, delicious and positively  
the best brand.

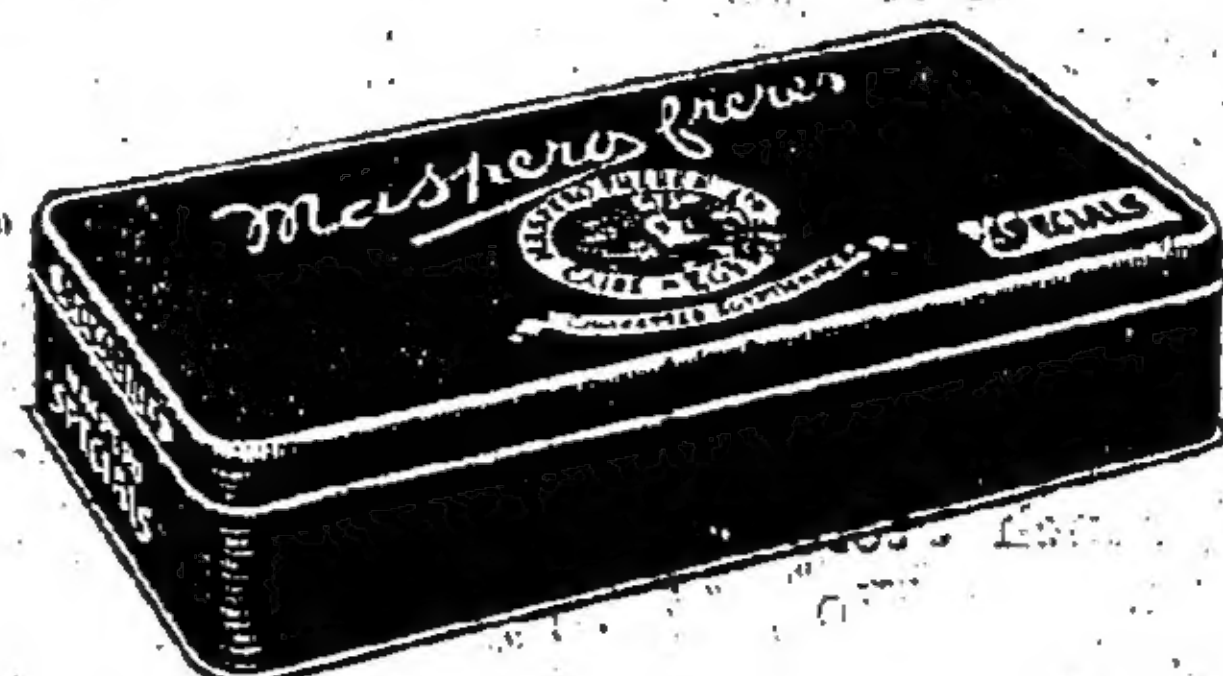
On the market.

Insist on getting the genuine article.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE cannot be  
better. It is Equalled. For Dress  
Tables, Occasional Seats, Made with Wine &  
Liquors.

This trade mark is the guarantee of perfection in  
EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES.

Maspéro "Specials" are packed in hermetically sealed  
tins - and so they are fresh in the dampest or hottest  
weather.



\$1.50 per 50's tin.

AIRCRAFT OF THE  
NATIONS.COMPARISON OF RELATIVE  
STRENGTH.

FRANCE'S WONDERFUL AIR FLEET.

Among the interesting items of news  
contained in recent telegrams was that  
relating to aeroplanes which could be heard  
in Paris on their way to the frontier. It is  
certain that aircraft of all kinds are playing  
an important part in the military operations  
of the present war. The aeroplane is in fact  
the most important weapon of modern war,  
and it is practically the first weapon in which  
the element of surprise has been introduced.  
The aeroplane is also the most important  
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caught and destroyed or captured, and, equally, all must be capable of resisting destruction or capture. In the two dimensions represented by the surface of the sea, with equal powers of vision, getting within destroying distance is a question of speed, and destruction is a matter of superiority of attack over the defence. The dominating weapon of attack has been the gun, and the defence against it has been practically all above water, because there its attack has been made. The torpedo-boat and, later, the destroyer, have delivered their main attack below water, but the attacked ship is held to be quite capable of delivering a counter attack by guns above water, which is an adequate reply to the destroyer. The attack of the submarine is wholly below water, and so far the attacked ship has developed no effective reply of its own. The defence against the destroyer's torpedo is the gun, which is quite ineffective against the submarine. The question of interest at the moment is, what defence can the surface ship have against the submarine's torpedo? There can be only two forms of defence. First, the destruction of the submarine by other vessels, submarine, or others. Second, the protection of the bottom of the surface ships from the effects of under-water attack. The first, the destruction of the submarine, is obviously not the work of a battleship or large cruiser, but must be left to some vessel of the same order of size as the submarine. This destruction must be sought on the surface when the submarine is not submerged, for it seems improbable that a submarine will be able to chase another effectively under the water. In any case, the submarine will be dangerous to the large surface ship until it is destroyed, and, as the means of destruction are not yet certainly in hand, the question of effectively protecting the battleship against under-water attack seems to be deserving of consideration, unless someone is ready with a real reply to the submarine. Armour on the bottom of warships has been proposed by responsible persons—Sir F. J. Reed and General Sir John Creswell, R.M.A., during their lives made definite proposals of this character, but they have never been adopted on the outside of ships, partly for the reason that, previous to the submarine, the torpedo-carrying vessel has been effectively answered by the gun, and partly because the resisting qualities of armour, when submitted to attack by torpedoes, have not been sufficiently well known. The effective advent of the submarine seems to justify a serious consideration of the question of applying armour to the bottoms of ships. The question of the weight of such armour must be serious, and obviously the addition of such weight cannot be made without some changes and sacrifices.

## THE WAR

THE most important news to-day comes to us locally in the Proclamation just issued by H.E. the Governor to the effect that Great Britain is at war with Austria-Hungary. This, of course, was inevitable in view of the fact that Germany and Austria-Hungary are closely allied. In certain quarters there seems to be a disposition to believe that Italy, the other member of the Triple Alliance, may yet join Germany and Austria-Hungary. Such a step, however, is highly improbable, if for no other reason than Italy is financially unfit to go to war with a strong opponent, even if she were not a nation wholly opposed to fighting with Great Britain and France, with whom she has much more in common than with Germany and Austria-Hungary. The latest news from the most important seat of war points to a "big battle" being imminent. The German troops are mustering in large numbers and are evidently preparing for a decisive engagement. Happily the Belgians will now be assisted by the British as well as the French, and should therefore prove more than a match for the Teutonic troops. Little has been heard of the Russian troops, but it is evident that they are at least holding their own with the Austrians and the Germans. Despite a fresh crop of rumours their continuance to be no news of a naval engagement and it is almost certain that the British have "bottled up" the German fleet within their own harbours. So far everything is going very satisfactorily for the Allied forces, who will doubtless give a splendid account of themselves in combined action.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

On the back page of this issue, will be found some interesting news items.

It was mentioned at a conference of charitable organisations in Newcastle recently that in one case the maternity benefit received under the Insurance Act had been spent on a gramophone.

A gold watch and chain with appendage valued at \$250, was the subject of a larceny charge against a Chinese. The case was remanded until to-morrow. The prisoner was alleged to have stolen the articles from the person of a Chinese accountant of 104 Des Voeux Road, West, when he was under the influence of drink.

Seen carrying a suspicious looking parcel in Mercer Street a Chinese was asked to stop. He, however, bolted. A policeman chased him, and ultimately caught him. Inside the parcel was a patent discharging and loading gun in two pieces. The prisoner was this morning fined \$50 by Mr. McMahon.

Mr. Hicks-Berch asked in the House of Commons, last month, when the contract with the P. & O. Steamship Company for the carriage of the Indian mails expired.

Mr. Hulse said the contract was now for a further year, but he said he was not sure of the exact date. It had been arranged that such notice should not be given before January 31st, 1915.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Among the passengers who arrived by the "Empress of Japan" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Holyak, Mrs. and Miss Lawler, Mr. and Mrs. Haslop and Mr. S. Komer.

Mr. Hay Green, the Postmaster of Kowloon, was drowned at Port Blair recently during a twenty-mile handicap yacht club race. The yacht Sunbeam sank. Five were saved, but Mr. Hay Green, who was unable to swim, sank while trying to get on to the buoy.

## A PECULIAR CASE

Mr. Wood this afternoon continued the hearing of the case in which a coal dealer at Yau-nai is charged with receiving stolen property, taken from the Admiralty and Chamber.

Mr. Faithful defended. Det. Sgt. Brown asked leave to withdraw the charge against the defendant, who was charged with the theft.

Mr. Wood, seconded to the request and put the defendant in the witness box. After evidence had been led, Mr. Wood discharged the defendant through lack of evidence and added he would make a report to the Governor as to his banishment. He thought the Government would be acting wisely if he were banished.

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## TYPHOON WARNING

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## LADY MAY'S "AT HOME"

(Specially Written for the "China Mail.")

The fine weather of Tuesday afternoon tempted numbers of people to pay their respects to Lady May, who was "At Home" at her summer residence at the Peak. After the glancing rounds of Flag Staff Hill, the scene on the terrace was like an oasis in the desert, here, on a lovely green lawn shaded by a creeper-covered wall Lady May received and conversed with her guests.

A special variety added interest to the affair and for a moment one might have been back in England for the tea tables one saw women, women everywhere and only five men, this was a singular state of affairs for Hongkong, where every woman who ever arrived from home, gasps in surprise. "Oh, what crowds of men!" Later in the afternoon a few more men arrived, but in most cases they were realising that "Duty must be done" and were busy with military work.

The majority of the ladies present were permanent residents of Hongkong, the general feeling amongst those being one of extreme sympathy and pity for their volunteer husbands, who are now combining the duties of the soldier with the usual arduous responsibilities and labours of the office. Wives of sailors and soldiers and Government officials predominated, with just a sprinkling of old residents.

The frocks were cool looking and pretty and a few very smart, and though the absence of the band made things quiet every one seemed very bright and hopeful.

Miss May, who helped her mother to entertain, was busy enrolling names of volunteer nurses; most of the ladies present had received notices of the names of hospitals where instruction in nursing will be provided for 14 hours about three times a week and were asked to select the one they wished to attend. The following is a list of the hospitals: Government Civil Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Bowen Road Military Hospital, Royal Naval Hospital, Matilda Hospital.

Tennis and Lawn Golf afforded amusement to the athletic and energetic—the rest talked; and in these times there is little profit in talking, for that which is asserted as a fact and official information one minute is daily contradicted the next. The wildest rumours floated about, one well known lady was pointed out as having reported and caught a German spy. Another had tales of an exciting and rough voyage taken at a moment's notice from Wei-Hai-Wei to Hongkong. Again she heard talk of terrible plots and counter plots and all together it was a very thrilling afternoon and no one wanted to go home for there was always a chance that here, at head quarters, one might get a glimmering of news.

Amongst those present were General and Mrs. Kelly, The Bishop of Victoria, Bishop Ponsonby, The Revd. and Mrs. Copley Mayne, The Revd. and Mrs. Cooper-Hunt, Messdames Brotherton Barker, Sir Stewart, Kemp, Lobb, Gedge, Carter, Parr, Sutcliffe, Major and Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. B. Williamson and Miss Williamson, Mrs. and Miss Baker Brown, Mrs. and Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Hodgson with her sister, Miss Henriette and Mr. Compton.

There were some very beautiful dresses, especially amongst the muslins: one trimmed with a pale lemon yellow sash, was very finely embroidered and made with a short coat, with it was worn a Dolly Varden hat trimmed with rose and royal blue ribbon.

Pompadour muslins and Dolly Varden hats were the feature of the afternoon. One costume in pink and blue was an exact reproduction of the Dresden Shepherdess style, and the dressing of the hair and small hat of pink roses completed the effect. A very striking looking woman wore a dress of royal blue chambray, exquisitely made hanging in graceful single lines. Another embroidered crepe de chine in pale grey, with a hat trimmed with saxo blue, attracted a good deal of attention in its smart simplicity. Lady May wore a handsome dress of grey brocade with a black hat and her daughter was in spotted cotton voile with white hat and ostrich feathers. A great number of people were in tennis costume, which always provokes the envy of every woman whose lack of skill in games forces her to wear reception frock, hat and gloves, as unpleasantly uncomfortable in this land of heat and perspiration.

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## THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

## BRITISH TRADE INTERESTS IN CHINA.

In the discussion on the Foreign Office Vote on 10th inst, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, after reviewing what we had not gained in the Middle East, drew attention to the Far East.

He said that though the position was not quite so serious, there was still ground for great anxiety and criticism. We had practically no duties on Chinese exports, and we had treated China in every way with poeplier generosity and fairness. Such an advantage in negotiation, together with the advantages which our traders and producers were alleged to possess, should have brought about, one would have thought, an irresistible combination, sweeping the board in China. With other nations handicapped—as everyone on the Government benches would admit—by a system making competition with us in the acquisition of concessions more difficult and exposed to reproach with China could make against them. "Your treat our export with a huge tariff," so one would have thought they stood a chance in negotiation for what "going." But what were the facts? Excluding for the purpose of his argument Manchuria and Shanghai, where respectively Russia and Germany had already held a special position, a simple agreement was concluded in 1903 by which, in return for keeping out of certain areas, we were to be given a privileged position in the Yangtze Valley. As the Foreign Office witnesses the agreement was obviously their duty to see that in return for our so denying ourselves in other areas the agreement was respected by the other nations concerned. He maintained that they had not done so. According to the agreement certain rights were not to be acquired by the Yangtze Valley. The Germans, however, had come right down to the Yangtze with a railway, the Russians and Belgians had also come right down into the valley, while the French, in addition to having built a railway extending to Yunnan, now got a concession to build from Yunnan to Chuan-ching. He gave three as examples of what the Foreign Office was not doing and might do to assist more actively the British traders. In the end of day our position was not badly contested, but it was a great international battle for the industries and markets, in which the Foreign Secretary must play a part. It was not good policy, whether in the case of Russia, Germany, or anybody else, to encourage a future to give way on all these commercial points because of certain arrangements which were operating and would, he hoped, continue to operate in regard to these countries. (Cheers.)

Sir J. Pears wished that the Foreign Secretary, in the matter of commerce and foreign affairs, would take the line which was taken by the great statesman whose name they all deplored, the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. He complained that no support was given by the Foreign Office to British exporters in the Yangtze Valley, or, indeed, in any other part of the world. In the course of his reply Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, said what is our claim in the Yangtze? We have not got any special title to the Yangtze, except that we have already got a vested British railway interests in that region, and we hold that we have the right further to develop railways in such districts, and that how can I make the good in the Yangtze region if I am not to be allowed to set in the same way in Asia Minor, and if when the French or Germans have concessions I am to push in and say "no"? You cannot apply one principle in one part of the world and another in another. The hon. member asked me what I would do with my brow with regard to railway concessions. I would much rather that commercial concessions were given with the goodwill of the foreign countries from which they are obtained, than under diplomatic pressure. If I had a laurel I would much rather put it on my brow, but put them in my pocket. (Laughter.) With regard to Chinese railways, notes were exchanged between His Majesty's Government and the Chinese Government pledged themselves not to alienate the Yangtze region to another Power. That looks good still, and there has been no question of alienating the Yangtze region. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the London and China Bank made an agreement in 1895 for sharing loans in China, and financial operations for railways were to be the subject of special agreements. An additional clause was added in 1906 modifying the 1895 agreement so as to allow greater freedom to Germany, the part of either party. In 1908 an agreement was signed between the two groups defining the sphere of interest of the two countries regarding railway construction in China, leaving the Yangtze Valley to Great Britain and Shanghai to Germany. Those were arrangements between two particular commercial groups; they are not like treaties between Governments. In 1909 followed the Hukwang Railway loan agreement between the British, the French, and the Germans, to which the Americans were admitted in 1911. The whole matter of these arrangements has been exceedingly complicated. I have been endeavouring recently, and the groups have been endeavouring, to disentangle some of these complicated matters. We have now pending considerable railway concessions, and I believe the particular arrangement between the groups will enable different countries—ourselves among others—to go ahead more freely in those parts of China in which they have an "exclusive" interest. It is quite true that there are some parts of the world where trade cannot make its way, at any rate in the form of concessions, without diplomatic support. There is now even, another side to the matter. Diplomatic support depends on the willingness of capital to come forward and invest. For some years, at any rate, British capital was most reluctant to invest in Turkey, and it has not always been very favourably disposed to Chinese investment. I regard it as one duty, however, to have British capital forthcoming in any part of the world, and is applying for concessions to which there are no diplomatic objections, to give it the most active support we can.

As to the railway concessions, when we had entered into a treaty which made China's position secure, she must needs attempt to conquer Tibet and turn it into a province of China, carrying her aggressive action so far that the Indian frontier begins to be questioned. That really made it most undesirable action, of which we have heard ground for complaint. But for that action there would have been no new Convention.

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## THE GERMAN MENACE

## A WARNING NOTE.

The "National Review" for June contained an article entitled "Germany and Ourselves," from the pen of Capt. Bertrand Stewart, who was for two years the inmate of a German prison, and writes from personal experience.

"His trial and conviction, which raised a storm at the time, will be remembered by many."

"Let us," he writes, "understand Germany's position. She has learned that the policy of open hostility to England at all times does not pay, because it keeps us too much on the 'qui vive,' and because it strengthens the hands of those who urge that full preparations should be made to meet any German act of aggression. Hence a show of friendliness has been assumed in the hope that she may obtain concessions from us, and that the British nation, with its proverbially short memory, will be lulled into a feeling of false security. But what is really her present position as regards ourselves? There have been pleasant speeches by the German Ambassador. But has there been a reduction of one soldier or one sailor as a proof of this friendliness? On the contrary!"

"If the change of attitude indicated a real change of feeling towards England, it should have been accompanied by at least a decrease in the German navy."

After dealing with the hunger for more land which the German Government does not intend to foster amongst their people, and with the teaching of some of their leading writers that this land can be most easily obtained from us by war or threats of war, he adds: "But besides land and money there are things of at least equal value to our people which we should sacrifice were we to give Germany her longed-for opportunity. These are freedom and the right to justice on all occasions." He then compares our system of justice with the German. Among many extraordinary details he tells us that a prisoner may be kept six months in a cell waiting for a trial aimed to suit the political exigencies of the moment. A peoniless agent provocateur, the creature of the Government—and already convicted of every sort of crime—may try, but fail, to provoke the commission of some act against the law and yet be the only witness against the prisoner. This man's perjury, admitted in the secrecy of the Magistrate's room—as the Prosecution is careful to arrange—counts for nothing. Then, worst of all, a prisoner may be tried behind closed doors despite all his protests; lying statements, which the prisoner is given no chance to deny in public, may be published for political purposes; and a judgment given absolutely contrary to the evidence and the admissions of the Prosecution because it may be politically useful, or an agitation may be in progress for more ships."

"All this, according to their standard, is justice, and according to their view is right. Is this, and the Sabre Law exemplified at Zabara, and the treatment of their conquered provinces, a system which the most callous amongst us would wish to see imposed on any of our people, whatever their race?"

"We must realise that the preservation of the priceless blessings of freedom and justice depends on our keeping our selves strong enough to prevent Germany defeating us and forcing her system and her 'justice' on our people."

"When Germany increases her armaments, we must do likewise. When Germany reduces her armaments, we can think of doing likewise, but not till then."

"Never must we by any show of fickleness or by any soft words, whatever may be the spokesman, be lulled into a feeling of security. The methods of the ruling class in Germany change, but behind it all, with their ever-increasing naval and military forces, they always pursue their unaltered aim. Co-operation throughout the Empire, real efficiency in all branches of our defensive services, and the readiness of everyone to take his share in the defence of the Mother Country and the great Dominions can alone bring us security."

[Since the above was written much has happened to indicate that Germany is not quite so formidable as she was believed to be.—Ed., C.M.]

## BIG BLAZE AT WUHO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WUHO, Aug. 10. A fire broke out this evening at 8.30 p.m. within the wall of Wuho city, burning apparently in the street immediately within the smaller South gate. Many buildings were soon involved and the flames spread both along that street and up the Ho Hong—the lane leading towards the principal Temple. This is quite close to the Tongki Kai premises of the Christian Missionary Alliance, and for a time their fine girls' school (only opened last year) was in danger. The flames spread to the city wall, and this proved an effective barrier. When I left, the Wu Hong fire was nearly subdued, and the fire near the Temple seemed to be under a bit of control. Telegraphic communication being impossible, I send this note by post.

The sole object of the new Convention was to get China to agree to certain boundaries outside which Tibet should be autonomous and not interfered with. I am sorry to say that Sir John Hume, who negotiated the Convention, but I still hope he may. If it does not, and if we are to agree to the future which the British Government has announced, I think we must be prepared to say, and I think we must be prepared to say, that the Convention is a failure. The Convention is a failure. The Convention is a failure. The Convention is a failure.















